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LETTER DATED 15 MAY 1998 FROM THE MINISTER COUNSELLOR FOR HOST COUNTRY AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Enclosed please find the text of a note verbale dated 14 May 1998 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, responding to the latter's note verbale dated 14 April 1998 (A/AC.154/316, annex), regarding airport inspection policy.

I kindly request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Robert C. MOLLER

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 14 May 1998 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note No. 177 dated 14 April 1998 (A/AC.154/316, annex).

The policies of the United States with respect to travel emanating from United States airports or on United States-flag carriers have been designed to protect the security of all air travellers, including United Nations diplomats and their families.

The United States Mission has been informed that there are no United States Government regulations in effect that discriminate against diplomats accredited to the United Nations or their family members, who have in their possession their Department of State identification cards and diplomatic passports, based either on their destination or their nationality.

Questions regarding regulations that may impact nationals of certain countries who are not a part of the United Nations diplomatic community do not fall within the obligations of the United States as host country to the United Nations and the missions of its Member States.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.